

CLAIMS

We claim:

1 1. A method for creating a user profile for a user
2 authorized by a customer company to access services provided
3 by an enterprise, comprising the steps of:

4 preparing for each new said user a profile entry
5 including a user identifier and a company group
6 identifier;

7 responsive to access by said authorized user, obtaining
8 a profile entry for said authorized user;

9 responsive to said profile entry not including company
10 code and location indicia, displaying to said user
11 descriptions of locations for said company group; and

12 responsive to user selection of a said location
13 description, populating to said profile entry the
14 corresponding company code and location code.

1 2. A method for creating a user profile for a user
2 authorized by a customer company to access services provided
3 by an enterprise, comprising the steps of

4 on a periodic basis, receiving from each said customer
5 company within a company group a file containing a list
6 of all employees authorized by a company to use said
7 services;

8 merging said files into a company group file of
9 authorized users;

10 with reference to said company group file, building a
11 user profile entry for each new said authorized user,
12 said user profile entry including company group indicia
13 but not including accounting code indicia not provided
14 by said customer company;

15 responsive to a request from a requester to access said
16 services, reading said user profile entry for said
17 requester;

18 responsive to said profile entry not including said

19 accounting code indicia for said requester, displaying
20 to said requester descriptions of code indicia for said
21 company group; and

22 responsive to user selection of a code indicia
23 description, populating to said profile entry
24 corresponding accounting code indicia.

1 3. The method of claim 2, said accounting code indicia
2 including company code and location code indicia.

1 4. The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

2 merging said files into a merged file in a hub server
3 within a customer system;

4 transmitting said merged file to a staging table within
5 an enterprise system server.

1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

2 building a plant code table including for each company

code and location code combination associated with a
company group a requester intelligible location
description; and

displaying said requester intelligible location
descriptions associated with said company group in a
selection list to said requester when said accounting
indicia is not included in said user profile for said
requester.

6. The method of claim 5, said transmitting step occurring
through a firewall, and said displaying step occurring
through a secure network.

7. The method of claim 6, said secure network being a
frame relay network.

8. System for creating a user profile for a user
authorized by a customer company to access services provided
by an enterprise, comprising:

a profile table including for each authorized user a

5 profile entry including a user identifier and a company
6 group identifier;

7 application code responsive to a request by a new
8 authorized user for access to said services for
9 displaying a selection list of descriptions of
10 accounting indicia necessary to process said request;

11 said application code being further responsive to user
12 selection of a description of accounting indicia for
13 populating to said profile entry said accounting
14 indicia.

1 9. The system of claim 8, said application code
2 identifying a new user as an authorized user from which said
3 profile entry does not include said accounting indicia.

1 10. The system of claim 8, said accounting indicia
2 including company code and location code.

1 11. The system of claim 10, further comprising a plant code
2 table including for each combination of company code and

3 location code associated with a company group a
4 corresponding said description of accounting indicia.

1 12. The system of claim 11, said description of said
2 accounting indicia being text comprehensible to said user.

1 13. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for creating a user profile
4 for a user authorized by a customer company to access
5 services provided by an enterprise, said method steps
6 comprising:

7 preparing for each new said user a profile entry
8 including a user identifier and a company group
9 identifier;

10 responsive to access by said authorized user, obtaining
11 a profile entry for said authorized user;

12 responsive to said profile entry not including company
13 code and location indicia, displaying to said user
14 descriptions of locations for said company group; and

15 responsive to user selection of a said location
16 description, populating to said profile entry the
17 corresponding company code and location code.

1 14. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for creating a user profile
4 for a user authorized by a customer company to access
5 services provided by an enterprise, said method steps
6 comprising:

7 on a periodic basis, receiving from each said customer
8 company within a company group a file containing a list
9 of all employees authorized by a company to use said
10 services;

11 merging said files into a company group file of
12 authorized users;

13 with reference to said company group file, building a
14 user profile entry for each new said authorized user,
15 said user profile entry including company group indicia
16 but not including accounting code indicia not provided
17 by said customer company;

18 responsive to a request from a requester to access said
19 services, reading said user profile entry for said
20 requester;

21 responsive to said profile entry not including said
22 accounting code indicia for said requester, displaying
23 to said requester descriptions of code indicia for said
24 company group; and

25 responsive to user selection of a code indicia
26 description, populating to said profile entry
27 corresponding accounting code indicia.

1 15. A computer program product or computer program element
2 for creating a user profile for a user authorized by a
3 customer company to access services provided by an
4 enterprise according to method steps comprising:

5 preparing for each new said user a profile entry
6 including a user identifier and a company group
7 identifier;

8 responsive to access by said authorized user, obtaining
9 a profile entry for said authorized user;

10 responsive to said profile entry not including company
11 code and location indicia, displaying to said user
12 descriptions of locations for said company group; and

13 responsive to user selection of a said location
14 description, populating to said profile entry the
15 corresponding company code and location code.